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PAUL VESCO: I'm Mayor Paul Vesco, mayor of the

7 City of Winnemucca. We are pleased to be here in support of
8 this Yucca Mountain repository. Kenny Guinn's proposal on
9 September 5th, I read that thoroughly and discussed it at
10 Council yesterday, and everybody was in favor of supporting
11 this issue. And other than that --

12 DAVE WOODSON: Did you tell them you're in favor
13 of it?

14 PAUL VESCO: Yes. I'm in favor, the council is
15 in favor, we are supportive of his testimony that he delivered
16 on September 5th, and we are in favor of opposing Yucca
17 Flats nuclear dump. We just don't like the idea. We could
18 see what happened back there 30 years or so ago when they had
19 the tests there. I personally knew people -- who were not
20 related, but they were, somewhat, to my wife -- that were
21 involved in it, from Utah. Some of them got cancer, and
22 radiation was quite unknown at that time, the effects of it.
23 And so there are a couple of deceased on that side of the
24 family in Southern Utah. And that was 30 years ago, 40.

25 So we don't want anything more even close to that

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1 as far as a storage or waste facility. That's my personal

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2 feelings. I believe the council yesterday, after discussing
3 this, felt the same way. So we are in support of Kenny
4 Guinn's -- Governor Kenny Guinn's opposition to this Yucca
5 Mountain Dump.

6 DAVE WOODSON: Any concerns about transportation,
7 with the rail lines going through?

8 PAUL VESCO: Transportation is our direct
9 involvement there. We have it on the freeway and we have it
10 on the rail, and, of course, we are subjected to any hazards
11 or anything that would happen there. And a lot of this stuff
12 right now goes through San Francisco and that area, overseas,
13 to Blackfoot, Idaho. That's their nuclear energy generating
14 plant, I believe, or something. Anyway, they're involved in
15 nuclear energy. So we do get it directly through the City of
16 Winnemucca.

17 I was on the fire department for a number of
18 years. We drilled on that very same thing, with different
19 entities that came in to give us training. And sometimes you
20 just feel helpless. If anything of nuclear energy would have
21 an accident down there, we would be, you know, really -- it
22 would be a detrimental event for us. That's for sure.

23 So, anything else, Dave?

24 DAVE WOODSON: No, I'm not the mayor, sir.

25 PAUL VESCO: But he's my right-hand man.

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1 And, yes, transportation is a very important
2 issue for the City of Winnemucca. I would definitely like to
3 stay away from any nuclear materials, hazardous waste,
4 whatever.